RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no Director of Ayurveda and so there are not such duties to be discharged.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): I want to know who is now discharging the duties of the Director of Ayurveda?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): With the abolition of the post of the Director of Ayurveda, the duties of such an officer have ceased to exist.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any proposal to appoint the Principal of the Ayurveda College as the Director of Ayurveda?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Aided Ayurveda Dispensary at Munchira.

286. ✻**MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations, from the public of Arudesom *pakuthi* and the neighbouring villages, for the establishment of a grant-in-aid Ayurveda dispensary at Munchira in the Vilavankod taluk; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have taken any action on the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of opening more grant-in-aid *vaidyasalas* can be taken up for consideration only when financial conditions improve.

Opening of new Vaidyasalas.

287. ✻**MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Inspector of Ayurveda submitted a proposal to Government for sanctioning at least 15 *vaidyasalas* per year,

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, when the proposal was submitted and

(*c*) what action, if any, they have taken on the proposal?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) in the budget proposals for 1110 M. E. submitted by the Inspector of Ayurveda on 5-5-1934.

(*c*) The proposal has to lie over for the present, owing to financial stringency.

Recognition of Ayurveda Vaidyans.

288. ✻**MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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[Mr. Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai.]

(*a*) the principles that guide the Ayurveda Inspector in recommending the recognition of *Vaidyans* with no examination qualifications;

(*b*) whether the Inspector or any other person or body conducts any kind of examination before such recognitions are granted;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the examination;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, what guarantee there is that a *Vaidyan* so recognised will not prove a public danger; and

(*e*) the total number of such recommendations made by the present Inspector and how many of them have been accepted by the Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Scientific knowledge, experience, heredity, success in the profession, popularity and the conduct of *vaidyasalas* in conformity with the prescribed departmental rules.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this does not arise.

(*d*) The principles referred in part (*a*) are sufficient guarantees.

(*e*) It is not possible to furnish the information as the period for which the same is required has not been specified by the member.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): I submit, Sir, that the period I have given is absolutely specific.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a long period and it has not been possible to collect the information.

PRESIDENT: You have not specified the period, Mr. Padmanabha Pillai.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Only one period is possible.

PRESIDENT: What is it?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): The period after this gentleman became Inspector.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a long period, Sir.

Recognised Ayurvedic Vaidyans and the Shashtiabdapurthi Gold Medal.

289. ***MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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